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Johnson, Murdoch honored with naming of Cedarville University tennis complex

N AIA Hall of Famers and longtime coaches Dr. Pam Johnson and Dr. Murray Murdoch received the ultimate recognition with the naming of the Cedarville University tennis facility in their honor. The site is officially known as the Pamela Diehl Johnson - J. Murray Murdoch Tennis Complex.

The announcement came at the end of a banquet recognizing Johnson for her 30 years as the Lady Jacket head coach before she stepped down this past spring. The proclamation was made on behalf of the athletic department with the approval of the CU Administrative Council.

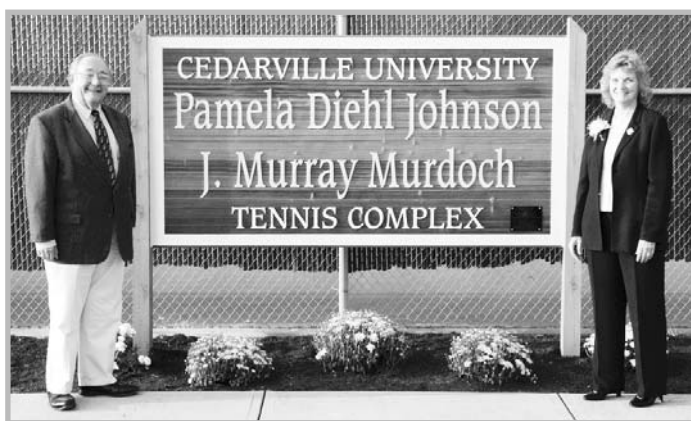
Johnson, who is currently the Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Human Performance, coached the women's tennis team from 1977 through 2006. Her squad posted 280 victories and made 12 NAIA National Tournament appearances. The Lady Jackets won four NAIA Region IX titles, eight conference championships, and had 29 NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Johnson has served on the NAIA National Tournament Committee since 1985 and has been the national tournament director since 1989.

Murdoch piled up 563 victories during a 29-year coaching career from 1966 through 1994. The Yellow Jackets were a dominant force with five undefeated seasons, 23 NAIA District 22 titles, and 23 Mid-Ohio Conference championships. His teams won 88 straight dual matches from 1972 through 1976 and had a best-ever 8th-place showing at the NAIA Nationals in 1989. Murdoch, who is a Professor Emeritus of History at Cedarville University, continues his role as the NAIA National Tournament Director.

A plate affixed to the sign that has been erected at the south end of the tennis complex reads:

"In grateful recognition of the Christian testimony and faithful service of Dr. Pamela Diehl Johnson and Dr. J. Murray Murdoch as Hall of Fame tennis coaches and leaders in the success of the NAIA and NCCAA Championships.

Dedicated September 22, 2007."



The Cedarville University tennis complex has been named after Dr. Pamela Diehl Johnson (right) and Dr. J. Murray Murdoch. (John Milliman photo)

(Right) Coaches Pam Johnson and Murray Murdoch in 1993. Johnson's teams recorded 280 victories from 1977 through 2006. Murdoch's squads won 88 straight dual matches from 1972 through 1976.



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Recruiting International Students

by Dr. Don Callan

Recently I ran across an article in the "Sports Business Journal" that featured University of Memphis men's basketball coach John Calipari. It seems that John was reading the Sunday paper and saw an article on Chinese basketball potential. John's mind immediately went to, "How can I get involved and get an edge on the competition of the future wave of athletes coming from China?" He called Del Harris, former NBA coach, who coached the Chinese National basketball team in the 2004 Olympics. John made connections and has some exciting programs underway that will help both Chinese athletes and NCAA athletics. This article reminded me of the impact international students have had over the years at Cedarville.

Cedarville has matriculated international students since its beginning, at least since my first association with the University in the 1960's. Our first influx of internationals were representatives called MK's or Missionary Kids. The young people who were raised in such faraway places as Africa, South America, Asia and Europe. The students added a huge dimension to the educational process as well as the athletic program.

Soccer was the first sport to be impacted. When we started soccer in 1963, the sport was begun because of the large number of MK's from soccer-crazy nations like Brazil. The young people were passionate about the sport, and so on the field you could always hear several languages being spoken, communicating special instructions to teammates which usually excluded the English-only speaking players. The success of these internationals and MK's is well documented as many of them became All-Americans. Two who come to mind were standouts Larry Bollback (MK) and Evandro Batista



Larry Bollback

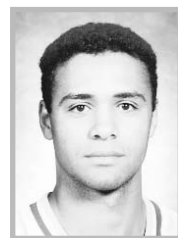
- a Brazilian national. Both have in recent years been inducted not only into the Cedarville Hall of Fame, but into the NAIA Hall of Fame. Many other internationals have had a huge impact on the Cedarville program.

In more recent years, other sports teams have been impacted. In fact, it seems that nearly all coaches are looking to recruit internationally. Our broad cultural interest and outreach has exposed our players and coaches to an international focus through missions. Through our MIS programs, our teams go on missions trips and compete. This exposes them to international athletes. Mike Minto, our first Jamaican basketball player, had an outstanding career at Cedarville, and now takes some of the young men he has recruited to Cedarville to put on clinics and camps for the youth of Jamaica. Our coaches have become involved in these outreaches and the results can be seen in the presence of three Jamaicans on the 2007-08 CU men's basketball team.

Helder Seabra, of basketball prowess, was a Portuguese Angolan that my wife and I recruited while on a trip to Spain to put on basketball clinics with former NBA star Bobby Jones. George Gorman from Puerto Rico, proved to be an impact player in the 80's. More recently, Maicol Venter from Brazil has been a delight to see on the court and off. He had a vital role on the Yellow Jacket NAIA national-contending teams. This past summer he returned briefly to South Brazil to help with clinics and camps. His desire was to impact young men as he was impacted through sports. Maicol states that his life was changed when he became involved in a sports program that also gave him the Words of Life found in the Scripture. He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior when in high school and wants to impact others through a life of service. He is in seminary this year preparing for the ministry.



Evandro Batista



El Seabra



Maicol Venter

Our international students have added so much to our campus and to understanding our world. They have been great students, super athletes and productive graduates. I'm glad we were ahead of the pack in recruiting international students. It's not easy, but it is very rewarding to have them on campus.

Dr. Don Callan is the former Dean of the School of Health and Human Performance at Cedarville University. He also previously coached the Yellow Jacket men's basketball team for 35 years and is a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame.

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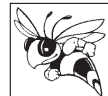
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Podiatrist Conducts Inaugural Summer Running Camp

By Brandon Shields

Cullman (Ala.) podiatrist Eric Fillinger ran cross country in high school and was an All-American runner in college at Cedarville (Ohio) University.

A foot injury during his senior year led him to get into podiatry to try to help the next generation of runners when they had to deal with injuries such as his.

Now that his practice is in Cullman, Fillinger is doing his part to help keep the runners in the Cullman area in shape and injury-free.

One of the ways he is doing that is the running camp he held this past summer in Cullman with a number of the top varsity cross country runners in Cullman County.

"This is something that I've wanted to do for a few years, but the planning and logistics were just never right," Fillinger said. "Then a few parents and pediatricians asked me if I would be interested in doing it sometime in the summer."

"I just saw that as a sign that we needed to do this now for the first time. These kids are pretty much guinea pigs for this."

The camp consisted of two running sessions each day, morning and evening, with a special speaker in the mornings each speaking on different things. "We had speakers like Dr. Kim Addison and Dr. Tony Ruse talking to the kids about nutrition, strength and conditioning, training and overall health," Fillinger said. "We're working on trying to make these runners better on and off the track."

Fillinger said the dedication of each athlete demonstrated during the week was present. "They are up here in Cullman running at six o'clock in the morning, and then they are back in the evenings running again," Fillinger said. "With dedication like that, it is no wonder the teams at Cold Springs, Fairview and Cullman are as good as they are."

Fillinger said he was also impressed with the type of people the campers are. "Running is a good sport where participants can learn the lessons about teamwork, sacrifice, perseverance and life in general that can also be learned in other sports," Fillinger said. "I think these runners are the type that will pass those lessons on to those who are coming up behind them."

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Editor's Note:

Eric Fillinger (left) was a four-year member of the Cedarville University men's cross country team from 1986-1989. He was a three-time NAIA All-American and was inducted into the Cedarville University Athletic Hall of Fame and the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1996.

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Yellow Jacket Basketball Schedules Announced



2007-08 Men's Basketball

Nov. 13	at Huntington	Huntington, IN	6 pm
Nov. 16	30th Annual CEDARVILLE Classic Lindsey Wilson vs. Urbana	Cedarville	6 pm
	Cedarville vs. Trinity Christian		8 pm
Nov. 17	30th Annual CEDARVILLE Classic Trinity Christian vs. Urbana	Cedarville	5 pm
	Cedarville vs. Lindsey Wilson		7 pm
Nov. 20	at Malone	Canton, OH	7:30 pm
Nov. 24	at Saint Francis IN#	Fort Wayne, IN	7 pm
Nov. 27	at Notre Dame	South Euclid, OH	8 pm
Dec. 1	WOOSTER#	Cedarville	7:30 pm
Dec. 4	WITTENBERG	Cedarville	7:30 pm
Dec. 7	vs. Columbia	Upland, IN	8 pm
Dec. 8	at Taylor Tournament#	Upland, IN	1 or 3 pm
Dec. 19	vs. San Diego Christian	Santa Clarita, CA	6 pm
Dec. 20	at Master's	Santa Clarita, CA	8 pm
Jan. 4	POINT PARK	Cedarville	7:30 pm
Jan. 8	at Mount Vernon Nazarene*	Mount Vernon, OH	7:30 pm
Jan. 12	OHIO DOMINICAN*#	Cedarville	7:30 pm
Jan. 15	at Urbana*	Urbana, OH	7:30 pm
Jan. 19	WALSH* (Alumni Weekend)	Cedarville	7:30 pm
Jan. 22	at Shawnee State*	Portsmouth, OH	8 pm
Jan. 26	at Wilberforce*#	Wilberforce, OH	7:30 pm
Jan. 29	RIO GRANDE*	Cedarville	7:30 pm
Feb. 2	at Ohio Dominican*	Columbus, OH	4 pm
Feb. 5	MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE*	Cedarville	7:30 pm
Feb. 9	at Walsh*#	North Canton, OH	4 pm
Feb. 12	URBANA*	Cedarville	7:30 pm
Feb. 16	WILBERFORCE* (Li'l Sibs Weekend)	Cedarville	7:30 pm
Feb. 19	SHAWNEE STATE*	Cedarville	7:30 pm
Feb. 23	at Rio Grande*#	Rio Grande, OH	4 pm

2007-08 Women's Basketball

Nov. 9	CEDARVILLE CLASSIC Indiana Wesleyan vs. Malone	Cedarville	5:30 pm
	Cedarville vs. Daemen		7:30 pm
Nov. 10	CEDARVILLE CLASSIC Daemen vs. Indiana Wesleyan	Cedarville	1 pm
	Cedarville vs. Malone#		3 pm
Nov. 16	vs. Georgetown	Dayton, TN	7 pm
Nov. 17	at Bryan#	Dayton, TN	1 pm
Nov. 20	at Taylor	Upland, IN	7 pm
Nov. 27	at Notre Dame	South Euclid, OH	6 pm
Dec. 1	CENTRAL STATE	Cedarville	5:30 pm
Dec. 7	GEORGETOWN	Cedarville	7 pm
Dec. 8	NORTHWESTERN OHIO	Cedarville	2 pm
Dec. 15	at Malone#	Canton, OH	1 pm
Dec. 27	vs. Nyack	Lake Wales, FL	5 pm
Dec. 28	at Warner So. Tournament	Lake Wales, FL	TBA
Dec. 29	at Warner So. Tournament	Lake Wales, FL	TBA
Jan. 5	URSULINE#	Cedarville	2 pm
Jan. 8	at Mount Vernon Nazarene*	Mount Vernon, OH	5:30 pm
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Feb. 23	at Rio Grande*	Rio Grande, OH	2 pm

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Basketball Camp with a Difference

It was all about basketball at the West Iron County High School gym one week last summer.

It was all about something else as well when Athletes in Action held a youth basketball camp. The coaches and instructors also wanted to teach life lessons and reinforce religious teachings.

That's not surprising when you see the logo on the T-shirts that were handed out to all the campers. They bear an Athletes in Action logo, which has the second "t" in "Athletes" shaped like a cross.

Nearly 100 youngsters - about 65 girls and 30 boys - took part in the week-long camp. Besides the T-shirts, campers also got a basketball that they used all week as they learned skills they can put to use on the court.

But the endless thump of dribbling basketballs ended midway through each session, as the coaches and campers gathered in the middle of the floor to talk about other matters.

The talk was about one word per day: humility, passion, unity, forgiving. "Keep thinking about these words when you go home at night," instructor Loren Kuhn told the youngsters. "Keep thinking how you can apply them at home, here at camp and once the camp is over and you're back in school."

Kuhn said he got the words from Dick Bennett, long-time University of Wisconsin basketball coach. "These are the characteristics he looked for in all his players he chose to come play for him," he told the group. "So really think about these things."

On this day, his theme was sacrifice and being a servant. In basketball, he explained, players can serve the team in many ways, such as setting screens on the court - or reserves bringing drinks to teammates during a time out.

"It's something really little," he said, "but it means a lot. Something you don't have to do, but you do it to help someone else."

Then he took his Bible and talked about the incident when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. "Jesus says if you want to be great, if you want to be successful, you have to be a servant." His greatest act of being a servant, Kuhn continued, "was when He died on the cross for us."

He talked to the youngsters about the major decisions they will be making as they grow up - selecting a college, a husband or wife, a career. "But our greatest decisions would be this; to place our belief and trust in Him, for what He did for us." He ended with a prayer.

After that, it was time for contests, as the day's camp session neared its end.

Four coaches attended the camp from Cedarville (Ohio) University, a private Baptist university. They work through Athletes in Action, which Andy Allgrim, Cedarville's assistant basketball coach, called "a sports-based ministry group" that travels the world, spreading their religious beliefs by playing games and holding camps.

The other coaches are Cedarville players and Kuhn, a student assistant who just graduated.

Allgrim: "We want to show the kids some basketball skills but talk to them about Jesus." He talked about the words that are the topics of their mid-practice discussion. "We're talking about applying these words to basketball - things at home, how they can be a servant around the house - but then also applying it to the Bible and how Jesus exemplified these words."

He noted it was his second camp at West Iron County, and he remembers many of the kids from the year before, "so I'm getting to know the kids even better."

It was the first U.P. visit for Kuhn, who hails from Cedarville but spent seven years in the Philippines, where his parents were missionaries.

"We want to teach them basketball," Kuhn said, "but there are many more important things in life than the game of basketball. This, one day, will pass away. We won't be able to play basketball or do half the things we want. But if there's one thing in life that will never change, that is Jesus Christ Himself."

"We want to be able to share that with them and work so that they might become a better person. Hopefully that will make them a better player."

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Cedarville University graduate Loren Kuhn shares a devotional time with campers in Iron River, Michigan. Kuhn was a CU student assistant basketball coach for two years.



Andy Allgrim

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Yellow Jacket Men's Soccer Helps Out in Local Communities



The 2007 Yellow Jacket men's soccer squad spent eight weeks this fall with the Springfield, Ohio Home School Soccer League. The students were coached by members of the CU team and given special one-on-one instruction along with the teaching of fundamental soccer skills. The teams came out to support Cedarville at a home match this season and put on a halftime exhibition for the fans.



This past August, the team also had the privilege of helping out for a day with the sports-themed Vacation Bible School at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Xenia, Ohio. Members of the Yellow Jackets organized games, relay races, mini soccer clinics and shared devotionals with the children. Head Coach Ben Belleman noted, "It has been a priority for our teams to take advantage of every opportunity to encourage and minister to others in our local communities." Stephanie Lane, Children's Ministries Coordinator at Emmanuel Baptist, commented on the CU men's soccer team, "To have these guys come to our VBS was awesome both for the kids and the VBS workers. The kids loved seeing "real" soccer players and it was helpful for the workers to hand the kids over to such a great group of guys who showed they loved the kids and soccer just by their enthusiasm in being there!"



CU Women's Basketball and Volleyball

This summer, the Cedarville University women's basketball and volleyball teams took a week-long missions trip to the Dominican Republic. Below are excerpts from emails sent home by Lady Jacket players sharing some of the highlights and special experiences from the trip.



First of all, we were extremely blessed to have all of our luggage arrive! We woke up this morning at 7 a.m. for breakfast - I had Reese's Puff Cereal - then headed off to Santo Domingo to play the Junior National Volleyball Team. I learned a lot about perseverance and about my teammates. After the match, we travelled to a sugar cane village. WOW! Approximately 10-20 people accepted Christ as their personal Savior. PRAISE THE LORD! Even though I don't know Spanish, people can still see our love for Christ through our actions, facial expressions, and heart.

(Katie Moon, freshman, Fremont, MI • Volleyball)



The Dominican has welcomed us with humid weather, crazy drivers, lack of personal space, beans and rice, and trash-filled streets! It is such a blessing to come here and experience a different lifestyle and culture. Having been here two years ago, it is so awesome to come back and learn new lessons and become reacquainted with old ones. Today - with the help of the translator - I was able to share the message of the Power Ball with the Dominican Junior National Team. A few of the players accepted Christ! It was such a delight to tell these young women about Jesus and give them hope for eternity. I am very excited to see what God has in store for all of us over the next few days.

(Libby Short, junior, Springfield, OH • Volleyball)



Today was absolutely CRAZY! We started off with another match against a club team. Afterward, we went into another gym to practice. There were a few people there watching us play. I had the opportunity to speak with a man and share the Gospel with him. He said he already accepted Christ into his heart, but still had some questions. I was able to answer some of them but took him over to one of our translators who was able to help out further. I was also able to share with six young girls who were watching us practice. I used the wordless bracelet to explain the plan of salvation and they were all receptive. God was clearly at work in overcoming the language barrier and giving me the words to communicate His love.

(Justine Christiaan, sophomore, Toledo, OH • Volleyball)



I honestly don't think words can express the amazing things God has been doing in the lives of the Dominicans, and also in our lives. Again, we shared the Gospel with the Dominican team, and many of them have accepted Christ! Some are hesitant, but it helps to remember that God is continuously working and every seed we plant will one day flourish to whatever God chooses. I encourage all of you to pray for the Dominican people that have accepted Christ - that they would grow in their relationship with Him and find encouragement from fellow believers.

(Kylee Husak, freshman, Mount Vernon, IA • Volleyball)



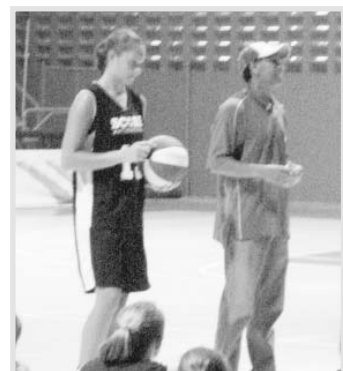
This morning a couple of us had the opportunity to help out at a medical clinic. This was very exciting for me since I am a nursing major. We visited a home for elderly that was filled with people desperately needing medical attention. We treated some people who were in severe pain. It was so awesome to help these people and see how grateful they were! We were also able to talk with patients while they were waiting for treatment at a dental clinic. One young man accepted Christ! Praise God! Today was just amazing!

(Katherine MacKenzie, freshman, Bloomington, IN • Volleyball)

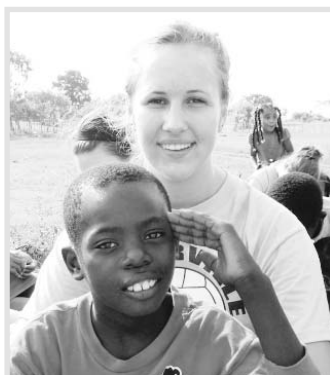


I am so excited to report to you that today has been my favorite day. Six of us visited an orphanage and it was amazing! We got a chance to make some friendships in the short time we were there. We were instantly flooded with open and wide arms upon our arrival - each young orphan claiming their own Americano! We were able to share in general conversation while showing them the love of Christ. It was really awesome to be able to just spend time in loving on kids and they were so grateful for the special attention. It really broke my heart to leave them. God really blessed me today with this opportunity and I would go back in a heartbeat!

(Liz Sweeney, sophomore, Worthington, OH • Volleyball)



Take Missions Trip to the Dominican Republic



Hello from the beautiful Dominican! Today has been amazing and very moving! We had the opportunity to visit a handicap orphanage. It was an eye-opening experience. When we first walked in, there were so many children just laying helplessly in cribs and beds. Some could not move, some could not talk and others could not see. At first we did not know how best to try and interact with them. Finally, we decided to sing some songs, and soon the children became comfortable around us and we could then begin to show them God's love.

(Amy Garner, sophomore, Ortonville, MI • Volleyball)



Today was interesting for me. Playing our match was fun but the best part was going to a mentally handicapped orphanage. It broke my heart to see people my age suffering with this disorder. Going there made me more grateful for the gifts that God has chosen to give to me. I take for granted every day that I can get up and walk around. This week has reminded me that this is where God wants me - on the mission field - doing His work to further His kingdom.

(Maija Hampton, junior, Cincinnati, OH • Volleyball)



Today was another great day; maybe one of the most beautiful days we have ever seen. We took a boat to Catalina Island to enjoy the clear blue water, gorgeous palm trees, glorious sun and our wonderful teammates! On the way to the island, we stopped to snorkel...amazing! Every scene was another reminder of God's power and creativity; it was easy to praise Him today!

(Sarah Zeltman, senior, Kidron, OH • Volleyball)



Today it was quite humid and hot. We got up at 8 a.m. for a cereal breakfast and then headed off to a sugar cane village. We took balls to play with the kids. We started soccer games, tag, played toss, and basketball games. Probably the kids' favorite thing was our digital cameras. They loved telling us to take pictures of them and then getting to see the photos.

(Kristine Rucker, senior, West Jefferson, OH • Basketball)



Today was a long and busy day - four basketball games, numerous bus rides and getting stopped by security for passing out tracts in the mall! After one of our games, three of us were able to share the meaning of the wordless bracelets with a young boy. Our Spanish continues to improve which helps us share better.

(Mary Stockdale, senior, Barberton, OH • Basketball)



Four of us went with Dr. Fourman to assist and observe in the medical clinic at a sugar cane village. We helped put together packages for the patients that included a tooth brush, toothpaste, wordless bracelets and a booklet which explained the meaning of the colors in the bracelet. We also sterilized equipment and were able to give injections to patients (that was exciting!).

(Rachel Hurley, freshman, Indiana, PA • Basketball)



We played a game tonight against the national team. We had a neat time afterward. One player gave a testimony and another shared the message of the Power Ball. The rest of us handed out tracts and information cards. Twenty-four people responded that they had questions and would like to talk with someone about accepting Christ. The missionaries will follow up with all of these contacts. It was awesome to see God working in the gym today!

(Alisha Lee, junior, Greenfield, OH • Basketball)



Our whole team was privileged to experience a visit to the handicap orphanage. After praying for the children as we were with them...a girl that was blind in one eye turned to the group and hugged each one to show her appreciation for our visit. The verse I found after this experience touched my heart - James 2:5 "Listen my dear brothers; has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the Kingdom He promised to those who love Him?" We all talked on the bus afterwards and praised God for our abilities and the impact the girls in the orphanage had on us.

(Bayley Nosal, junior, Chagrin Falls, OH • Basketball)

Sarah Zeltman is the lone senior on the 2007 Cedarville University women's volleyball team. The 6-1 middle hitter is the only two-time NAIA All-American volleyball player at Cedarville. Zeltman currently ranks second all-time at CU in career kills, service aces and total blocks. She is the Lady Jackets' all-time leader in solo blocks. Sarah shares her story about how God brought her to Cedarville and what she has experienced during her four years as a student-athlete.

Tell us about your family.

I come from a strong Christian family and they are truly an awesome blessing. I am so grateful especially for my parents who have taught me through their example to live for God day in and day out. They have sacrificed a lot to invest the best in me, including homeschooling me for ten years and supporting me through my volleyball career by attending most of my games. They are two of my best friends and I love them so much. I also have a 13-year old brother Jacob, an avid swimmer and boy scout, as well as a 23-year old brother Matt who is currently training to be a linguist in the Air Force.

How did you decide to attend Cedarville?

I love this story just because it shows God's hand in my life. In high school, it was my dream to play NCAA Division I volleyball. I received a couple full-ride offers from DI and DII schools, but things fell through with some of the details. I reluctantly signed with Cedarville. However, my attitude changed just a couple months into school. I realized that the tools I would receive at Cedarville to equip me for the rest of my life were priceless. Praise God for not giving me what I thought I wanted, but giving me what I needed to grow closer to Him.

How would you summarize your four-year volleyball career at CU?

How can you summarize four years of your life? There have been a lot of lessons, laughter, frustration, and blessings. I treasure the relationships I build with the girls on the team; I love them so much and they will be some of my best friends for life. I praise God for all He has allowed me to do - May He be glorified!

What have been some of your favorite volleyball memories/highlights?

- Finding out that Richelle Clem's back was not broken and she could play again.
- Having our rental car stolen in California.
- Cheering for my team after any sweet play.
- Leading a man to Christ through a translator in downtown San Jose, Costa Rica.
- Every opportunity I have had to present the Gospel through the Power Ball.

- Rescuing our team football from the roof of a gas station in Indiana.
- Being able to encourage Cal Baptist at NAIA Nationals by making signs and cheering for them.
- Celebrating with chocolate volcanoes at the Rain Forest Cafe after winning NCCAA Nationals for the second straight time.
- Peppering with Cari Greetham when she



was released from the hospital after battling leukemia.

- Seeing pictures from my four years on the locker room door before Senior Night.

What lessons has God taught you during your time at Cedarville – in athletics and in other areas?

I had no idea that God would use volleyball to teach me so much about Him. I had knee surgery before my sophomore year that did not go as expected, but God used that hard time in my life to teach me about His faithfulness and provision for me. After my surgery, I learned how to give volleyball completely to God. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to truly work as hard as I could and I praise Him for the results during my junior year.

The other huge lesson that I learned was that volleyball can be used as a ministry to bring others to Christ. I am very grateful for the opportunities that I had to go on mission trips that focused on showing Christ through playing volleyball. The lessons I have learned are so valuable to me and I thank God for allowing them in my life.

Who at Cedarville has had the most impact on your spiritual growth the last four years?

It is really hard to say the one person or thing that has impacted me the most. I have been stretched from many different areas and they all have caused me to grow. I am especially grateful for Coach Clark and Coach Hartman's influence on my life over the past four years. There have also been many friends and professors that have molded me to make choices that have affected my walk with Christ.

What are your plans after graduation?

Right now I am gathering information about playing professionally in Europe next season. I also have been accepted at Dallas Theological Seminary with plans to become a high school Bible teacher. But I am open to whatever God has!

